

OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA

Welcome to the June Issue of OUR TOWN

The results of the Caryl Community Center Special Town Meeting on June 3 can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. The town still needs to vote on June 12 for a Proposition 2 1/2 override for this project. More information on both the Special Town Meeting and the Town referendum vote can be found in the Board of Selectmen's section on page 2.

As we head into the summer months, there are some great events if you are staying around Dover. If you're heading out of town, check out more of the informational links in this newsletter for a bit of beach reading.

Stay tuned for the July edition for more events in Dover over the summer and planned Department of Public Works projects happening over the summer months, too.

If you are part of a Town board/committee/commission and would like to submit content for the July issue, please contact [Ruth Townsend](#)

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Board of Selectmen



In
Depth

Results from June 3rd Special Town Meeting

At the Special Town Meeting on Saturday, June 3, the town voted on the following articles:

Article 1 - 'That the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,600,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the design and construction of the Caryl Community Center, including all costs incidental and related thereto...'

Passed by 220 to 85, more than the required 2/3 vote.

Article 2 - 'That the Town appropriate a sum of \$174,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the including of an outdoor recreation court and swing area at the Caryl Community Center, including all costs incidental and related thereto...'

Passed by 203 to 77, more than the required 2/3 vote.

Article 3 - That the Town appropriate a sum of \$40,000 for the costs associated with operations of the Caryl Community Center, including salaries and expenses to assist with planning for the opening and ensuring that all operations and programs are in place.

Did not pass - 104 (Yes) to 167 (No), less than required.

**The Town still
needs to vote on
June 12 for these
articles to pass.**



TWO VOTES SCHEDULED FOR COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 3

Special Town Meeting took place on June 3 at 10 a.m. at Mudge Auditorium, Dover, Southern Regional High School. Article 1 required additional funding for Community Center construction requires a two-thirds approval to pass.

TOWNWIDE REFERENDUM, JUNE 12

Additional spending for construction of the Community Center also requires majority approval at the ballot box. Polls will be open on June 12 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dover Town House.

BOTH VOTES MUST BE AFFIRMATIVE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO BE APPROVED

The Town of Dover reminds everyone of the second important vote for the Community Center Building Project. Although approval was given for a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion to pay for increased project costs by a two-thirds majority at the Special Town Meeting, approval is still required by majority vote in a ballot referendum.

The referendum is scheduled for Monday, June 12, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Dover Town House.

The Town encourages all registered voters to take part in these votes. Early voting in person is available through Friday June 9 during Town Clerk office hours.

For more information on the vote and the articles click [here](#)

Police

Summer Safety Notes - As summer unfolds, please remember these easy ways to make sure it is a safe and trouble-free season.

- Remember to lock your car doors (and obviously, don't leave the keys in the car)
- If you are away, lock your doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on things
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries
- Fill out a Vacation Report at Dover PD - we can contact you if there is an issue
- Be that parent that calls the other parents when the kids arrange a sleepover. Trust, but verify!
- Pay attention to the weather. Extreme heat or storm warnings should be taken seriously

Enjoy the slower pace over the next couple of months



Meet the Team

MEET DAWN FATTORE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DOVER-SHERBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Dawn has been a resident of Dover since 1995 and is the proud parent of two Dover-Sherborn graduates. After spending many years volunteering in the schools and serving six years on the Dover School Committee, she started working in the Business Office.

Headshot of lady in black top and striped scarf

Ask me about...
School Finances,
Sustainability Initiatives,
School Committee.
Happy to help in these
areas and more

Since 2016 she has been the Business Administrator overseeing the budgets and operations of all three School Districts. She is thrilled to continue her involvement with the schools and help maintain the excellent school system we all value here in Dover!

Department of Public Works



Group of men in safety clothing stood by small tree

Arbor Day - April 28, 2023

Arbor Day in Dover was celebrated with a donation of seven trees from Eversource to the Town's Tree Warden. Look for these trees in the following locations:

At Cross Street and Willow Street island:

- 1 Kousa Dogwood (or Cornus mas)
- 1 Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum)
- 1 Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis)

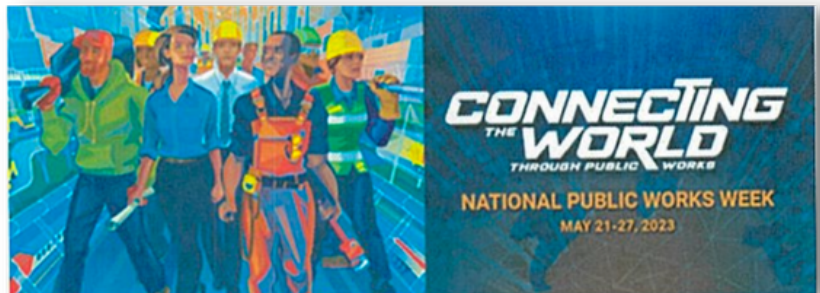
At Church Street and Haven Street:

- 2 Serviceberry (Amelanchier arborea)
- 2 Crab Apple (Malus spp.)

The Department of Public Works crew with the newly planted Eastern Redbud.

Did you know that National Public Works week was in May?

Each year the American Public Works Association (APWA) recognizes the work performed by Public Works professionals throughout the country by proclaiming a week in May as National Public Works Week (NPWW).



This year, the week of May 21-27, 2023 was the week Public Works professionals were celebrated for their contributions to every community. The Board of Selectmen voted to designate a NPW Week here in Dover as well. Public Works professionals touch the lives of every member of the community. The daily lives of all citizens would be drastically impacted if it were not for the functions of the Public Works Department Team. Many thanks to the Dover team as they continue to improve our town.

Board of Health



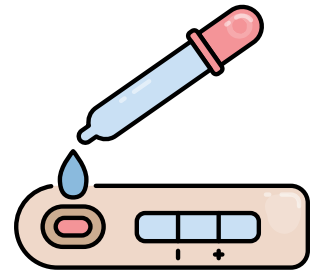
Tick season is here!

What can you do to protect yourself? Whenever you are spending time outdoors, especially in areas that are known tick habitats, be sure to adhere to the following tips:

- Stay on the trail. Wandering off into the underbrush or leaf litter will increase your chances of exposure to a tick.
- Wear shoes, not sandals. Nymph stage deer ticks are the size of poppy seeds, and the larvae are even smaller; they can certainly get into sandals, and even through the fibers of some socks, so wearing treated clothing is important. Also, tucking your pant legs into your socks when hiking will minimize the amount of exposed skin.
- Treat yourself and your clothing with a recommended repellent: DEET on exposed skin, and permethrin for your clothing and footwear.
- After outdoor activities, do a tick check! Check yourself, your children, and your pets for ticks. Place your clothing in the dryer for 20 minutes to kill any ticks you may have missed.

Free Covid Tests

Free COVID-19 rapid test kits are available in the Board of Health office Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for Dover residents.



Did you know the Town has a COVID-19 page? [Click here](#) for the most up-to-date COVID-19 news from the Board of Health.

Facilities Department



Cherry picker machine by side of building

You may have noticed work being conducted on the roof of the Town House lately. This is in preparation for a new roof. The current roof was installed around 1921 when the Town House was built. This part of the project was started a couple of weeks ago and is due to be completed by the end of June.

Open Spaces

[Register here](#)

June's Guided Walk Saturday June 10

June's guided walk will be from Dover's Larrabee-Whiting property around Hale's Powissett Pond, and is sponsored by the Dover Open Space Committee (OSC). In addition to a pleasant stroll, there will be discussion on the Hale project, which is especially relevant for Dover & Westwood citizens. Please tell your friends!



Pond surrounded by trees

The walk will go through the Larrabee fields and on to Hale's wooded trails to the spectacular Powissett Pond, and is a chance to sample a few of the over 20 miles of trails that also connect to Dover's Caryl Park and the Trustees of Reservations' Noanet Woodlands and Powisset Farm - a contiguous landscape of over 2,300 acres of open space! The walk will not be too strenuous but will be over uneven and possibly wet ground so wear appropriate footwear and bring walking sticks, sunscreen, binoculars, and cameras. Polite dogs on leash welcome. The walk will go ahead in misty rain to shine.

Parking & meet-up information will be emailed to registered participants on Friday, June 9.



Chickering

May and June bring so many activities and celebrations for Chickering students and teachers. The school hosted a May Day celebration and is preparing for Flag Day on June 14. Arts Night, where every student had at least one self-curated item on display was coupled with a concert for the fourth-grade Band, Convocation and Chickering Strings. Field Day will be June 8, last day of school is June 16. May also included Teacher Appreciation Week, where all the adults in the building were celebrated by Chickering families and the Parent Teacher Organization. Thanks to everyone involved!



School sign in front of trees

High School Athletics

Spring Sports

Dover Sherborn Spring sports are nearing the end of their Spring seasons. The varsity team records are as follows:

Girls Tennis 18-0**

Baseball 8-12*

Girls Track and Field 3-2*

Boys Tennis 15-3**

Boys Lacrosse 12-6**

Boys Track and Field 4-1*

Softball 7-10

Girls Lacrosse 14-6**

Sailing 0-6

** League Champions and tournament bound.

*Tournament bound



Class of 2023 Athletic College Commitments

On Wednesday, May 31, Dover Sherborn celebrated their 16 senior student athletes who are playing sports at the next level in college.

Class of 2023 Athletic College Commitments, (Name, School, Sport, Level)

Female:

- Mia Guarini, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Women's Lacrosse, D1
- Whitney Smith, Colgate University, Track and Field, D1
- Magdalena Rieper, Tufts University, Women's Lacrosse, D3
- Waverly Sumner, Tufts University, Women's Soccer, D3
- Eloisa Luczkow, Colby College, Women's Soccer & Women's Lacrosse, D3
- Marielle Goganian, Colby College, Women's Track and Field, D3
- Caroline Harvey, Endicott College, Women's Field Hockey, D3
- Kathryn Mahoney, Colorado College, Women's Lacrosse D3

Male:

- Owen Comiskey, Providence University, Men's XC/Track and Field, D1
- Carson Ahola, Colby College, Men's Lacrosse, D3
- Luke Rinaldi, Claremont McKenna College, Men's Basketball, D3

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Schoolscont.

Class of 2023 Athletic College Commitments continued: (Name, School, Sport, Level)

- Nick Kube, Babson College, Men's Track & Field, D3
- Alex Banerjee, The University of Chicago, Football, D3
- Matt Darin, Carnegie Mellon University, Football, D3
- Anthony Taslakov, Babson College, Men's Swim & Dive, D3
- Michael Polk, Salve Regina, Football, D3



Dover Sherborn celebrates senior student athletes who are playing sports at the next level in college.



Group of students sat and stood in front of trees and behind table with blue table cloth

Fall sports sign up is open on Family ID [here](#). All current 8th-11th graders (rising 9th-12th grades) should have received an email from Ms. Sullivan regarding signing up. Please do not pay the sports fee on Family ID UNIPAY until July 1. The 2023-2024 Mandatory All Sports Meeting is being held on Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m. in Mudge Auditorium. This meeting is mandatory for any student athlete playing at least one sport throughout the 2023-2024 school year to attend with at least one parent or guardian. Immediately following the meeting will be the Fall Meet the Coach Night. Information on locations for Fall Meet the Coach Night can be found in your email or on Family ID.

Congratulations to the Dover Sherborn Class of 2023 from the Town of Dover



Tree Preservation



Dover Tree Preservation Committee Summary of Findings

In the summer of 2022, the Planning Board was awarded a time-limited grant of one year that could be used for either the development of a Natural Resource Protection Zoning bylaw or a more general Tree Preservation Bylaw.

The Planning Board determined it would be best to use the grant for a broad review of current tree preservation practices, so as to better understand the community education needs about tree preservation, and to examine the tree preservation bylaws in surrounding communities. In December 2022, the Planning Board created a subcommittee called the Dover Tree Preservation Committee, which is a two-year committee that can have up to seven members representing land development commissions/committees and general community members.

In January 2023, the Conway School was selected by the Town of Dover to assist the Dover Tree Preservation Committee with assessing the current state of tree preservation in Dover, determining current and future risks to tree preservation, and developing recommendations for the continued effort of tree preservation including adoption of new bylaws. The Conway School, located in Northampton, is a graduate program in sustainable landscape planning. Together the Conway School and the Dover Tree Preservation Committee worked to gather data, hold two public forums, and create a summary of their findings. The summary document called, *Seeing the Forest, and the Trees* will be on the Planning Board page of the Town website in the next few days.

Two areas to highlight are the bylaw review of our current local regulations beginning on page 80, which illustrates how they support or conflict with tree preservation. A second section to highlight is the broad summary of recommendations that begins on page 94. This section is laid out in a way that suggests early actions or “quick hits” as well as mid- and late-term actions that would require more time and resource coordination. It is hoped that this Dover tree preservation summary will serve as a guide for all residents and leaders within our community for many years to come.

Library

A busy June at Dover Library, here is just a selection of what is on offer. See more and register for the programs below by clicking [here](#).

Thursday, June 15 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Teddy Bear Picnic- Come join Sarah Gardner of Music with Sarah for a fun-filled hour of interactive songs and music activities on the library lawn! Bring a blanket, your favorite stuffed animal, and a snack. No registration, open to all ages.

**TEDDY
BEAR
PICNIC**



Saturday, June 17 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

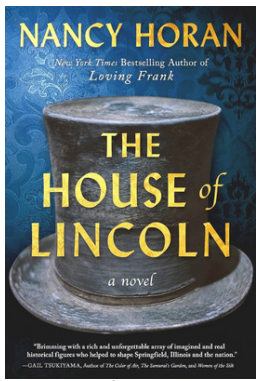
Instrument Petting Zoo - Bach to Rocks Instrument Petting Zoo gives kids and their families the chance to explore different instruments and discuss some basic musical concepts with the staff! There will be a guitar, ukuleles, a floor piano, simple percussion instruments, and more - no experience needed!

Wednesday, June 21 from 1-7 p.m., **Mobile Mini-Golf -** School's out!

Visit the Dover Town Library this afternoon to sign up for our Summer Reading Program and play a round of mini-golf right in the library! All ages. No registration needed.



Library cont.



Front cover of book with Top Hat
'The House of Lincoln'

Wednesday, June 28, from 7-8 p.m.

On Zoom: In Conversation with author Nancy Horan -- Nancy Horan, author of the million-copy New York Times bestseller "Loving Frank," returns with her new book "The House of Lincoln," a sweeping historical novel, which tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's ascendance from rumpled lawyer to U.S. president to the Great Emancipator through the eyes of a young asylum-seeker who arrives in Lincoln's home of Springfield from Madeira, Portugal. Join Nancy Horan and Therese Fowler as they discuss Nancy's new book, "The House of Lincoln," which will be published June 6. Register for this event below.



For more events and to register for these click [here](#).

Recycling Committee



Household Hazardous Waste – Seeking input for local event

Dover currently partners with nine nearby towns to offer our residents the ability to safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). The Dover Recycling Committee and Department of Public Works are looking into the feasibility of holding an HHW Disposal event in Dover. and would like your input. Please complete this short anonymous survey to indicate your interest: Click [here](#) for the survey.

Each town in the consortium designates certain days when residents can bring in HHW items for disposal. The next scheduled special collection days are Bellingham on July 8 followed by Holliston on July 22. Franklin and Norfolk accept HHW several times a week. See schedule by clicking [here](#).

While each town has slightly different restrictions, household hazardous waste typically falls into five categories:

- Automotive
- Cleaning and polishing
- Oil-based paint and related solvents
- Pesticides
- Miscellaneous items: Batteries, nail polish remover, cosmetics, shoe polish, pool chemicals



Latex paint can be disposed of as trash if dry. To dry small amounts, remove the lid and let the paint dry in the can. For larger amounts, mix in kitty litter or pour one-inch layers of paint in a cardboard box lined with a plastic bag. Dover residents must get an authorization slip in advance from the Town Garage (2 Dedham St.), Monday-Friday from 1-4 p.m. to gain access to another town's facility for disposal of their household hazardous waste.

Transfer Station Tidbits – Not Just Trash!

Prepare for the drought - Get your rain barrels at the Transfer Station. Discount price \$60!

Furniture Collections the third Saturday of every month for charity.

Textile bins are always available for your cast-off clothing, linens, shoes, backpacks, purses, and small area rugs. Please bag all items.

Food waste from all your BBQs and graduation parties, including bones, seafood shells, corn cobs, and all edibles can be brought to the food waste area. Please bag all items.

**Join the Council on Aging for one or all of these great events as we head towards the summer.
Contact the COA at coa@doverma.gov or call 508-315-5734 to register.**



Butterfly on purple flowers

Native Plant Gardening for Wildlife with naturalist Joy Marzolf,

The Joys of Nature

Monday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Community Room, Dover Town Library

Are you a butterfly or bird lover? Animals need plants for shelter and food, and some have preferred food plants. Learn how gardening choices can help you turn your garden into your own wildlife sanctuary.



Headshot of woman with glasses

Talk with the Town:

Town Library with Library Director Bethany Klem

Wednesday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m., Community

Room, Dover Town Library

Meet with Library Director Bethany Klem to learn about the many programs and services available and share your ideas on future programs. Coffee and light refreshments provided.



Lady with camera photographing a tortoise

Photography Class with naturalist Joy Marzolf,

The Joys of Nature

Monday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Selectmen's Conference Room, Dover Town House

Want to take better images of people, pets, nature or other subjects with your point and shoot camera or cell phone? Join nature photographer Joy Marzolf as she shares tips on composition, lighting and optional settings to improve your skills. Sponsored by Friends of Dover COA.

Click [here](#) for the COA newsletter



Save the Date



Town Vote for the
Community Center Project




June 12

Town House

Residents with questions about
voting in the referendum may
contact Town Clerk, Felicia
Hoffman, at 508-785-0032 ext
226, or townclerk@doverma.gov.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Dover Town House. This question, on the Community Center Project must pass by a majority. There will be early voting in person available through Friday June 9 during the Town Clerk's office hours.

June Quick Links

-  [Information for the Referendum Vote on June 12](#)
-  [Learn about the new Water Restriction Bylaw and Water Restriction Enforcement Bylaw Policy.](#)
-  [Interested in serving on a volunteer board/committee/commission? Click to learn about the process and vacant positions.](#)

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